(b) The hospital authorities have informed that no complaint/ information has been received from any patient in this regard.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Free Health Facilities for NER

962. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by Government for ensuring compulsory free health facilities to all the poor persons below the poverty line in the country particularly in North Eastern Region, during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) the details of amount to be spent therefor, State-wise, District-wise; and

(c) by when the target is to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) to (c) The steps taken by the Government for providing health care facilities to all the poor particularly in the North Eastern Region during the Ninth Plan, inter-alia, include optimising coverage and quality of health care delivery; controlling communicable and non-communicable diseases through National Health programmes. Government health facilities are generally free. State wise Ninth Plan approved outlay for health sector is given in the Statement. (*See* below.) In addition, Central assistance will be provided to States under National Health and Family Welfare Programmes. District-wise allocations are not available. No target has been fixed for providing free health facilities to the poor.

Statement

Outlay for Health in the States/UTs

(Rs. in lakhs)

	9th Plan Outlay
States	Health
Andhra Pradesh	63052.00
Arunachal Pradesh	33502.00
Assam	38410.00
Bihar	83200.00
Goa	8122.00
Gujarat	81225.00
Haryana	35134.00
Himachal Pradesh	31765.00
J & K	65600.00
Karnataka	110000.00
Kerala	30940.00
Madhya Pradesh	56787.00
Maharashtra	91823.00
Manipur	3600.00
Meghalaya	14000.00
Mizoram	11201.00
Nagaland	10631.00
Orissa	41605.75
Punjab	51159.00
Rajasthan	77060.00
Sikkim	8000.00
Tamilnadu	78052.00
Tripura	8559.00
Uttar Pradesh	118500.00
West Bengal	97861.00

States	Health
Total States	**1251292.00**
UTs	
A & N Islands	7241.00
Chandigarh	17065.00
D & N Haveli	514.00
Daman & Diu	837.00
Delhi	110140.00
Lakshadweep	817.00
Pondicherry	10000.00
Total UTs	**147161.45**
Grand Total (States and UTs)	**1398956.61**

Regulation of Homoeopathic Pharmacy

963. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that there is no Act to regulate the profession of Homoeopathic Pharmacy for Homoeopathic Pharmacists in the country, even after fifty years of Independence of the country; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Homoeopathic Pharmacy is expedient to make better provision for regulation of the profession and practice of Homoeopathic Pharmacy for Homoeopathic Pharmacists and for that purpose to constitute Homoepathic Pharmacy Councils; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any proposal is under active consideration of Government; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any proposal is under active consideration of Government; if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH